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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: ASTP LAUNCH SITE VISITS

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1. IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DOBRYNIN, MRS. VORONTSOV AND SCICOUNSELOR GUBKIN, WE NOW UNDERSTAND THAT SOVIET EMBASSY ASSISTANT SCIENCE COUNSELOR DOBROSIELSKY AND ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE PAVLOV HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND APOLLO LAUNCH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY INVITED TO APOLLO LAUNCH A NUMBER OF MILITARY ATTACHES IN WASHINGTON, AND THAT SOVIET EMBASSY DEFENSE ATTACHE GENERAL TOVMA DECLINED BUT ASKED THAT PAVLOV REPRESENT HIM.

2. EMBASSY MAY FIND FOREGOING INFORMATION USEFUL IN ANY APPROACHES IT MAY WISH TO MAKE TO SOVIETS ABOUT POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF GENERAL WALD IN AMBASSADOR'S PARTY TO BAIKONUR LAUNCH. NASA CONTINUES CONCERNED ABOUT EMBARRASSING PUBLIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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REACTION IF SHAPELY NOT INCLUDED. WHILE INTERESTED AGENCIES HERE EXPRESS HOPE THAT SOVIETS WILL BE ACCOMMODATING IN PERMITTING OTHERS TO GO TO THE LAUNCH, THEY DEFER TO EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE THIS MATTER.

3. IN RESPONSE JULY 8 FROM BUSINESS WEEK REPRESENTATIVE,
NASA INFORMED REP THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN WAS PLANNING TO
WITNESS APOLLO LAUNCH AND THAT AMBASSADOR STOESSEL HAS
ACCEPTED INVITATION FOR SOYUZ LAUNCH AT BAIKONUR. KISSINGER

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